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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	26	Minus	26 =	0 ×	\$18(9)	= \$0
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This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290 (\$145) has been previously paid . or is paid herewith . This response is being filed within the

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action which issued January 30, 2004, please consider the following amendment to the above-referenced application.